

Small Businesses. Testimony was heard from William Shear, Director, Financial Markets and Community Investments, GAO; Leon Milobar, Nebraska Office, SBA; and public witnesses.

HEALTH CARE GAPS AND INCOME SECURITY

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Income Security and Family Support held a hearing on Effects of Gap in Health Coverage on Work, Family and Opportunity. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

BRIEFINGS—HOT SPOTS AND CYBER

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to receive a briefing on Hot Spots. The Committee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

The Committee also met in executive session to receive a briefing on Cyber. The Committee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

STATE LEADERSHIP TOWARDS LOW-CARBON ENERGY FUTURE

Select Committee on Energy Independence and Global Warming. Held a hearing entitled "State Leadership Towards a Low-Carbon Energy Future." Testimony was heard from the ng Governors: Eliot Spitzer, New York and Janet Napolitano, Arizona.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2007

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine the state of the United States Army, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Space, Aeronautics, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine issues facing the United States space program after retirement of the space shuttles, 10 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to hold hearings to examine S. 2203, to reauthorize the Uranium Enrichment Decontamination and Decommissioning Fund, 10 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: to continue hearings to examine S. 2191, to direct the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to establish a program to decrease emissions of greenhouse gases, 10 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine the anti-drug package for Mexico and Central America, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: to hold hearings to examine restoring Congressional intent and protections under the Americans with Disabilities Act (Public Law 101-336), 2 p.m., SD-430.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management,

the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia, to hold joint hearings with the Ad Hoc Subcommittee on State, Local, and Private Sector Preparedness and Integration to examine the national level of preparedness of the United States to respond following a radiological dispersion device (RDD) or "dirty bomb" attack, focusing on the coordination with and capabilities of federal, state, and local governments to work together, 10 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider S. 352, to provide for media coverage of Federal court proceedings, S. 2248, to amend the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978, to modernize and streamline the provisions of that Act, S. 344, to permit the televising of Supreme Court proceedings, S. 1638, to adjust the salaries of Federal justices and judges, S. Res. 366, designating November 2007 as "National Methamphetamine Awareness Month", to increase awareness of methamphetamine abuse, S. Res. 367, commemorating the 40th anniversary of the mass movement for Soviet Jewish freedom and the 20th anniversary of the Freedom Sunday rally for Soviet Jewry on the National Mall, and the nominations of Joseph N. Laplante, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Hampshire, Reed Charles O'Connor, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Texas, Thomas D. Schroeder, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of North Carolina, and Amul R. Thapar, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Kentucky, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: business meeting to consider the nomination of Michael W. Hager, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs (Human Resources and Management), time to be announced, room to be announced.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

Special Committee on Aging: to hold hearings to examine nursing home transparency and improvement, focusing on federal, state, and industry initiatives to improve nursing home transparency, enforcement, and the quality of services in the country's 16,000 nursing homes, 1:30 p.m., SD-G50.

House

Committee on Armed Services, Subcommittee on Terrorism, Unconventional Threats and Capabilities, hearing on strategic communications and countering ideological support for terrorism, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and Labor, to continue mark up of H.R. 4137, College Opportunity and Affordability Act of 2007, time to be announced, 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade, and Consumer Protection, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 1216, Cameron Gulbransen Kids and Cars Safety Act of 2007; and HR. 4040, Consumer Product Safety Modernization Act, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Subcommittee on International Organizations, Human Rights, and Oversight, hearing on Diplomatic Assurances on Torture: A Case

Study of Why Some Are Accepted and Others Rejected, 3 p.m., 2237 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, Subcommittee Emergency Communications, Preparedness, and Response, hearing entitled "Leveraging Mutual Aid for Effective Emergency Response," 2 p.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law, oversight hearing on Protecting the Playroom: Holding Foreign Manufacturers Accountable for Defective Products, 9:30 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 4074, San Joaquin River Restoration Settlement Act; H.R. 2176, To provide for and approve the settlement of certain land claims of the Bay Mills Indian Community; H.R. 4115, To provide for and approve the settlement of certain land claims of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians; H.R. 123, To authorize appropriations for the San Gabriel Basin Restoration Fund; H.R. 236, North Bay Water Reuse Program Act of 2007; H.R. 2085, McGee Creek Project Pipeline and Associated Facilities Conveyance Act; and H.R. 3739, To amend the Arizona Water Settlements Act to modify the requirement for the statement of findings, 11 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, hearing on One Year Later: Have TSA Airport Security Checkpoints Improved? 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Science and Technology, Subcommittee on Technology and Innovation, hearing on the Next Generation Border and Maritime Security Technologies: H.R. 3916, To provide for the next generation of border and maritime security technologies, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, hearing on Reducing the Regulatory Burden on Small Business: Improving the Regulatory Flexibility Act, 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Aviation, hearing on Aviation and Airport Holiday Travel Preparations, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity, hearing to review Pending MGIB legislation, 1 p.m., 340 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Health, hearing on Trends in Nursing Home Ownership and Quality, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, executive, briefing on IC Clearance and Security Concerns, 4:30 p.m., H-405 Capitol.